

October 20, 1980

Mrs. Jean Ries

Mrs. Jean (Betty) Ries, 60, Groton, died Saturday evening, Oct. 18, at the Groton High School gymnasium.

The funeral was held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. Donald Koehn officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Kathryn O'Brien, soloist sang "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Mrs. Arliss Alberts.

A rosary and scriptural wake service was held Tuesday evening at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton.

Honorary casket bearers were Terry Gesinger, Gary Graves, Dale Michalek and Jerry Nissen. Active casket bearers were Joe Ries, Roger Schuller, Arden Sieh, David Sieh, Pat Sieh and William Sieh.

Ushers were Roy Mielke, Art Lange and Hollace Krueger.

Betty Sieh was born September 15, 1920, at rural Groton. She grew up here and married Jean Pierre Ries January 11, 1945, at Groton. She was a homemaker and dairy farmer. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Groton Garden Club, Catholic Rural Life, United Family Farmers, National Farmers Organization, Senior Citizens and the Farmers Union. She had resided in the Groton area all of her life except from 1946 to 1948 when the couple lived at Watertown.

Survivors include her husband, one son, John, Groton; six daughters, Mrs. Gary (Jacie) Graves, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Terry (Colette) Gesinger, Aberdeen; Barbara Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Dale, (Pamela) Michalek, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Jerry (Pier-

rette) Nissen, Aberdeen and Rene' Ries, a student at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion; her mother, Mrs. W.J. Sieh, Groton; one brother, John Sieh, Groton; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and one daughter.